

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 19, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Bob Bridges was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. On the 11th he met with Mark Mathews regarding the JAG school to work program.
2. Met with Russell Brown regarding the PUD and the apartment complex.
3. We were featured at the Rush County Heritage meeting for our historic preservation in the downtown area.
4. We had a Stellar core meeting on the 13th.
5. There was a trail design meeting today.
6. Our Christmas holidays will be the 25 and 26th for our employees.
7. On the 27th we will meet to discuss guardrails at the industrial park.
8. On the 28th and 29th we will conduct year-end evaluations for the department heads.
9. We will have a holiday on the 1st of January.
10. The next Council meeting will be on the 2nd of January.
11. There was a gas leak today at the animal shelter. It has been fixed.
12. Will send out a list of the appointments to be made for January.
13. We need to start discussing the lighting situation at Lawton Circle.
14. Our goal is to wrap up the Community Crossings project by the end of the year.
15. Asked Chief Jenkins to contact Paul Wilkinson to see when we might expect answers to our list of ambulance questions.
16. We are moving forward on the housing project. We have a conference call tomorrow.
17. Thanks to Councilman Berkemeier we are moving forward on the census. .

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley said the Department Heads were asked to have all of their bills in by the 22nd. She asked for 3 volunteers to review the final docket on the 28th. Councilman Berkemeier and Conner volunteered. Copley will contact Councilman Bridges. If Bridges is unavailable Councilman Cameron said he would be able to review the claim docket.

She asked that any encumbrances be turned in to her by the end of the week.

She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Mayor Pavey said they had a core meeting last week. Today they had a meeting on the trails.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron announced that the roll out party will be held on January 24th.
- **Marketing** – Nothing
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing
- **City Center** – We are wrapping up the ADA portion.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Nothing
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing
- **ECDC** – We have a site visit at the Industrial Park on January 3rd.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said the interviews for the dispatch position continue. They will cut the 12 applicants to 4 for the 2nd round of interviews.

The new car has been ordered. This replaces the one that was damaged in an accident.

The body cameras have been ordered.

Park – Director Burklow informed Council that they have 4 holes left to complete on the Frisbee golf.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they have finished picking up leaves. They will spend the next 3 days sweeping.

They have put the salt boxes on the trucks.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

1. **Resolution 2017-36 Community Storage Rezone** – Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2017-36. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Swearing in New Police Officers – Nathan Davis and Larry Strobel were sworn in as new police officers for the City of Rushville.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Inter-Local Agreement Release of 911 Funds for 2018** – The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation to approve the Inter-local Agreement for Release of 911 funds. Chief Tucker said this will cover salaries for 2 full time dispatchers. It does not cover benefits or overtime. Berkemeier moved to approve the Inter-local agreement. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Amendment to Chickens in City Limits Ordinance** – Councilman Smith volunteered to do a study to see what other communities are doing. He said this may involve a field trip. He encouraged anyone to participate with him. He will report back to Council.
3. **Assistant Park Director Salary Ordinance** – Lengthy discussion was held on this subject. Mayor Pavey said in his opinion we need to consider having a salary range. Councilman Smith asked Burklow if this discussion took place during budget time. Burklow said it did not. Smith said he thinks we will need more part-time people in the summer to keep everything done. He also said that maintenance will expand due to Stellar. Burklow said he wants to develop a good team. Conner said we have a different park department since Burklow took over. Pavey said we have had sort of a trial by fire this year. After much discussion Berkemeier moved to approve a raise for the Assistant Park Director to \$32,000.00. Conner seconded the motion. Councilmen Smith and Cameron voted “nay”. Due to Councilman Bridges not being present this resulted in a tie vote – Mayor Pavey broke the tie voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Copley will revise the 2018 salary ordinance for the first meeting in January.
4. **Ordinance 2017-35 Fire Prevention Ordinance** – Wakefield said this ordinance is the City’s best good faith effort to send to the state. Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2017-35. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **2018 Fuel Bids** – Berkemeier moved to approve the 2018 fuel bid with the fixed rate. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **Property on Hunt Road** - Mayor Pavey reported that the property could be sold, but there is only a small pie shaped portion that could be built on, therefore he does not believe there is any value to sell. Pavey will inform the interested party.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Trash Truck Purchase** – Smith moved to approve the purchase of the 2018 Freightliner trash truck. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Council End of the Year Appointments** – Pavey announced that his replacement for Greg Coffin on the Utility Board will be Phil King. Pavey will send a list of appointments to Council for review and consideration.
3. **Contractor Questions** – Pavey said with a lot of construction going on in the City several local contractors are requesting work. Some are concerned that they have not been chosen. Pavey said some of them think all of the projects are City projects, but they are not. He has asked Brian Sheehan to put together a spread sheet of projects. It will show who are local contractors and if it is a city project. Councilman Smith suggested that the City put any projects taking place in Rushville on our website so the contractors can bid on them. He said the Chamber can be contacted to get a list of local contractors.

Street Lights - Councilman Smith said he has been discussing the need for street lights in specific areas with Verlin Custer. Craig Custer was present. We need to find out cost wise what we are looking at. We will need to determine what type of light and the type of pole we want. Smith will look at different areas with Custer to get pricing and the number of poles needed. Pavey has both numbers for Blue Ribbon. He will forward to Council and we can chose which system we want for the next meeting.

CLAIMS AND NOVEMBER BANK RECONCILEMENT – Cameron moved to approve the claims and November 2017 bank reconciliation as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Lisa Carpenter from CGS asked if the trash contract was approved. Pavey said it was approved contingent upon review and approval by the City Attorney.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council: Conner moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.